

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Divisional Application Under  
37 CFR 1.53(b):

Prior Application: A. IWAYA et al  
Serial No. 09/563,455  
Filed: May 3, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2811  
Examiner: L. Thai  
For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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preparations  
L. Thai  
3-11-02

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 21, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application  
as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, add the paragraph:

This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial  
No. 09/563,455 filed May 3, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-18 without prejudice or disclaimer, and  
add new claims 19-20, as follows:

FOR "ATTORNEY"

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